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SUBJECT: FY 1980 BUDGET SUBMISSION

REF: A. STATE 166597; B. TEL AVIV 09006; C. STATE 181910

1. OMB DEADLINE FOR DEPARTMENT'S WORLDWIDE ZERO BASED BUDGETING (ZBB) SUBMISSION HAS BEEN ADVANCED FROM OCTOBER 1 (REF A) TO SEPTEMBER 22. EXPECT THIS WILL SLIP BACK, BUT NEVERTHELESS FIRST TRY AT BUREAU ZBB DECISION PACKAGES DUE TO STATE/PM AUGUST 7. THEREFORE EMBASSY'S FMS RECOMMENDATIONS (REF B) AND BOP ASSUMPTIONS (REF C) NEEDED ASAP.

2. WHILE WE CANNOT SLIP AUGUST 7 DEADLINE, WORK SUBMITTED AT THAT TIME WILL BE BY NO MEANS DEFINITIVE. REDRAFTING MAY WELL GO TO SEPTEMBER OR LATER, INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE "SPECIAL STUDY" INTEGRATING SSA, FMS AND POLITICAL ANALYSIS SIMILAR TO THAT DONE LAST YEAR.

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3. WHILE IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO GET EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMATION, WE CAN STILL LIVE WITH PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER 1 DEADLINE FOR ISRAELI AID SUBMISSION IF WE MUST. EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO FIRM UP SUGGESTED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN D.C. FOR WEEK AFTER LABOR DAY. THIS PROSPECT

DISCUSSED BY KAMENS AND ECONOMIC MINISTER DINSTEIN HERE
EARLIER THIS WEEK. BUREAU CONSIDERS IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE
THAT E/C COUNSELOR HART BE PRESENT FOR CONSULTATIONS IF AT
ALL POSSIBLE, GIVEN SPECIAL CONFUSION OF THIS YEAR'S
EXERCISE. REALIZE THAT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT IN VIEW
OF DCM VIETS' HOME LEAVE, BUT CONSULTATION SHOULD LAST ONLY
A COUPLE OF DAYS. CHRISTOPHER

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